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Re: Retention of Outside Counsel

Dear Alderman D'Amato:

Pursuant to Common Council FN 030083 adopted on May 13, 2003 requiring the Judiciary & Legislation Committee be notified in writing of the retention of any outside counsel, I am reporting the following.

The City Attorney's Office has retained the services of Jerome Grzeca of the Grzeca Law Group, S.C. who specializes in the area of immigration law. This firm is being retained because the Health Department has requested legal services related to two immigration matters. One matter relates to the retention of a foreign national employee in a specialty occupation; the other is a residency application for a foreign national employee in a specialty occupation. These matters require approval from the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security. Our office has previously engaged this firm on immigration issues because it has specialized knowledge and practice in the area of immigration law. The law requires that the City pay the costs and fees of the application. The Health Department will pay the costs (exclusive of the attorney fees.) The estimate for attorney fees on each case is five thousand dollars. Please let me know if you have any questions relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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